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SUBJECT: MITTERRAND HOPES TO LEAD EUROPEAN SOCIALIST
STUDY MISSION TO MADRID

1. THAUVIN DEPUTY IN PS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
SECRETARIAT, TELLS ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT MITTERRAND
MAY PERSONALLY LEAD "STUDY MISSION" COMPOSED OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF NUMBER OF EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES
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TO MADRID SOMETIME BETWEEN JANUARY 12 AND 18. ALTHOUGHT

ONE PURPOSE WILL BE TO PREPARE FOR A CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST PARTIES OF SOUTHERN EUROPE" TO BE HELD IN PARIS JANUARY 24-25, IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO IMPRESS GOS WITH FACT THAT EYES OF EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS ARE UPON IT, AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO PROCESS OF FURTHER POLITICAL LOOSENING UP IN SPAIN.

2. FINDINGS OF THIS GROUP IN SPAIN, (ANOTHER MISSION MAY ALSO GO TO PORTUGAL) WILL SUPPLY GRIST FOR DISCUSSION AT SOCIALIST CONFERENCE FOR SOUTHERN EUROPE. THAUVIN SAID THAT, FOR PRESENT, FRENCH PS THOUGHT THERE HAD INDEED BEEN "CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN SPAIN" BUT THERE WAS STILL "ROOM FOR MORE." SOCIALIST CONFERENCE FOR SOUTHERN EUROPE IS LIKELY TO ELABORATE ON THIS SCORE.

3. ACCORDING TO THAUVIN, BELGIAN, ITALIAN, SPANISH, AND PORTUGUESE PARTIES, BUT NOT THE GREEK PARTY, ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SOCIALIST CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN EUROPE IN PARIS. ACCORDING TO A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT IN "LE MONDE" DECEMBER 20 THE PRINCIPAL AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE THE PLACE OF SOUTHERN EUROPE IN WORLD POLITICS; EUROPEAN SOCIALISM IN LIGHT OF THE CAPITALIST CRISIS; DEFENDING AND STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE THROUGH SOCIALISM; AND, LASTLY, COORDINATION OF ACTION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS FORCES OF THE LEFT IN EUROPE.

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